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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT  
ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**Docket Number (Optional)  
108910-08056

First named inventor: BRINATI

Application No.: 08/885,770

Filed: June 30, 1997

Title: VDF Polymerization Process



Art Unit: 1713

Examiner: SAROFIM

Adjustment date: 02/09/2006 CKHLOK  
 09/15/2005 SLUANG1 0000005 012300 08885770  
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**APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION**

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee - required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

## 1. Petition fee

Small entity-fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Other than small entity - fee \$ 1500.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m))

## 2. Reply and/or fee

A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in the form of Continued Prosecution Application (identify type of reply):

has been filed previously on June 30, 1997.  
 is enclosed herewith.

B. The issue fee and publication fee (if applicable) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
 has been paid previously on \_\_\_\_\_.  
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This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.137(b). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 1.0 hour to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: **Mall Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.**

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## 3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for a small entity or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

## 4. STATEMENT: The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D)).]

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Brinati *et al.*

Group Art Unit: 1713

Application Serial No.: 08/885,770

Examiner: Sarofim, N.

Filed: June 30, 1997

Attorney Docket No.: 108910-08056

For: VDF Polymerization Process

September 14, 2005

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.137(e)**

Mail Stop PETITIONS  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Decision on Petition dated August 23, 2005.

The applicants' previous Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a) to withdraw the holding of abandonment was dismissed under 37 C.F.R. §1.181(f) because it was not filed within 2 months of the mailing date of the Notice of Abandonment (dated March 29, 1999). In response, the applicants respectfully submit that:

- (1) they were unaware of the relevance of the prior Notice of Abandonment until just before December 2, 2004, at which point they filed the Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a);
- (2) the applicants clearly filed a Request Form For Continuing Prosecution Application under 37 CFR §1.53(d) along with an Amendment and Petition for Extension of Time for two months on January 13, 1999. Therefore the original Notice of Abandonment was improperly issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; and

(3) 37 C.F.R. §1.181(f) permits the Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to grant this petition regardless of the delay ("Any petition under this part not filed within two months of the mailing date of the action or notice from which relief is requested may be dismissed as untimely, except as otherwise provided." (emphasis added)).

The applicants respectfully submit that they have made a *bona fide* attempt to respond to the Notice of Abandonment as soon as they became aware of it and respectfully request that the Director reconsider the Decision on the applicants' Petition and grant this Petition.

In the alternative, if the Director rejects the applicants' Request for Reconsideration, the applicants enclose a Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally under 37 C.F.R. §1.137(b) along with copies of the relevant documents. The Director is authorized to charge the amount of \$1500.00 to cover the petition fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(m) to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. 108910-08056, if the Director accepts the applicants' Petition for Revival of an Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally.

The applicants believe that no fee is due for this Request for Reconsideration. In the event that a fee is required, it may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. 108910-08056.

Respectfully submitted,

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Granted - no need to treat 1.137(b)

Petition filed in the alternative

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